GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3055
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2008
NON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES
Tripathi Shri Chandramani

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medicines whose prices have been reduced by the Government are not available in the market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is taking any action against the companies involved therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTLIAMENTARY AFFIRS(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d) : Nothing has come to the notice of the Government/National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) regarding non availability of medicines prices of which have been reduced by the Government.As a result of Government's efforts, Pharmaceutical industry had voluntarily agreed to reduce prices of 886 formulations.However, the availability of these formulations at reduced prices varies from State to State.The Government has taken up the matter with the companies concerned to improve availability of the 886 medicines at reduced prices.

STATEMENT

F. No. 1/7/2008-PI.I
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS
(PI-1 Desk)

Subject: Lok Sabha USQ. No. 3055 for answer on 20.3.2008 regarding Non-Availability of Medicines.

This relates to Lok Sabha USQ. No. 3055 for answer on 20.3.2008 regarding Non-Availability of Medicines asked by SHRI CHANDRA MANI TRIPATHI. The question seeks information as to whether the medicines whose prices have been reduced by the Government are not available in the market, if so, the reasons therefore, whether the Government is taking any action against the companies involved therein; and if so, the details thereof.

Information received from the NPPA is placed at pages 3-5/c.NPPA has stated that nothing has come to the notice of NPPA regarding non availability of medicines whose prices have been reduced by the Government/NPPA.However, the drug industry had announced voluntarily reduction of prices of 886 medicines which has not been fully complied with so far.Availability of these 886 medicines in some States at reduced prices may please be seen at page 3/c.A copy of Parliament Question answered earlier on similar subject is placed at page 6/c.

Based on available information a draft reply to parts (a) to (d) of the question has been attempted and submitted for kind consideration/approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (C&F&PA).

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